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patriots for profits? Did you write to President Wilson and tell him that you positively refuse to fight for Morgan and Schwab and their crowd? Did you tell him that if we are plunged into war it will be a war to enrich only the munitions ring and the food speculators? Did you tell him that you clearly see thru the thin veneer and that the plea to protect American lives is only a hol-· low mockery? Did you tell him that you see the dollar behind every word uttered by the kept pro-war press that is thirsting for human blood? Protest against "Armed Neutrality" for it is inviting war to America. If you have not done so, do it at once, before it is too late.

The bloated and blear-eyed vultures who want war are without scruples and would turn you out as cannon meat to swell their blood-soaked coffers.

There are members in the United States and the House who stand by the people and against war. Your letters will strengthen them in their opposition to the professional mass murder that the profit-mongers yearn for. The common people do not want war because they know that those who have the most to fight for will not fight.

IS THERE anyone feeble minded enough to believe that Morgan, Schwab and Rockefeller will enter the trenches? Is there anyone at large, who for one IN THE present crisis, act after act I To us the Kaiser with his military the nation.

protect American lives"? Is there anyone who even believes that the Wall Street gluttons will go to the firing line to defend THEIR commerce? If they are too cowardly to go to the front to protect their commerce, why should you?

The "Bought And Paid For" press tricked the workers to the trenches in 1898. At that time we were aroused to avenge the blowing up of the Maine. Imbued with a patriotic frenzy, thousands went to Cuba and the Philippines. The common people were blinded by the press so they could see nothing but "Reyears later, the war office at Washington issued a document in which we find the following: (War Dept. Document No. 528, page 6.) "When it became evident to our Military Information Division in 1897 that war was certain to occur between the United States and Spain, an attempt was made to discover not only the numbers but the Garrisons of the Spanish Army in Cuba." So you see, it was "certain in 1897," not in 1898 when the Maine was blown up, that we would have war with Spain. The war lords knew the year previous that war was "certain" but did they tell you so? You were a dead letter until the pretext for war was found and then your patriotism was appealed to just as now.

Thousands went to Cuba to be fed on and killed by embalmed beef. Isn't that a marvelous recompense for defending your country?

HAT HAVE you done to crush moment thinks that the Wall street has been staged to enflame your pastreet the growing war mania of the crowd will shoulder a gun and fight "to sion. So far they have failed to work you up to the proper frenzy. They tried the Lusitania but you balked. Then the Frey, the Sussex, etc. Recently the Laconia and still the great mass of the people keep calm and self-possessed. Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky came the German-Japanese-Mexican "Plot". Whether this is the trump card, remains to be seen. At any rate we cannot rest one moment in our opposition to war. We must make war on war every moment of the day. Not with sword and cannon but with reason.

Suppose that everything the press has told us about the Zimmermann member the Maine!" In 1916, eighteen | Note is true. Put this government in the place of either the Allies or the Central Powers. Wouldn't our war lords embroil other countries if it suited their purpose? This country would resort to every means conceivable to crush an enemy. If it did not, it would have no business engaging in the profession of war. In 1898 we sent out modern battleships to shoot a lot of Spanish tubs to pieces and drown the half-starved Spaniards like rats. We had them 3000 miles from home and pommelled them in true American style.

> ENGLAND, thru Morgan, has had a strangle hold on this nation ever since the outbreak of the war. We have been the cow that England has milked to further her purpose.

> England has interfered with our commerce and is still doing so with her superdreadnoughts. Germany is doing it with her submarines.

machine and submarines should be as despicable as Lloyd George and his super-dreadnoughts and the Czar and his cossacks.

We should be for neither side---we should be against both and while we are ranting against the military and naval terrorism of the Kaiser, the Treasury of this nation is being looted to build up a murder machine to force the surplus values created by the workers of this country upon people of other lands.

"We must have the biggest Navy in the world," is the cry, and the industrial pirates are determined to have it---no matter what the cost may be to us."

AND WHAT about protecting American lives? There is a wonderful field here at home to practice that.

From 1890 to 1913 there were 31,710 miners reported killed in the soft coal mines of this country. In addition to this, according to available records. 17 .-902 were killed in the hard coal mines from 1870 to 1913. In Cherry, Ill., 259 were killed at one time because the mine was operated in violation of law. About 1,000 were killed in the Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago which was operated in violation of law. Nearly 1,000 went to their death on the Eastland, here in the Chicago river because the boat was unseaworthy. Over one hund-red girls were burned to death in the Triangle shirt factory in New York because the law was violated. And there are numerous other instances.

Of course, that ruthless sacrifice was all due to "accidents". That is quite a convenient word to hide the shame of

LET US begin protecting lives in the industries of this country before makin any hypocritical pretenses in the present war crisis. The only thing the workers can expect out of war is to be crippled or killed. Should you be lucky enough to be missed by bullets and shells and get a medal for bravery, remember that neither your merchant, butcher, doctor nor land lord will accept it in payment of bills. No matter how brave you prove yourself in defense of the country, when you return home you will still be exploited and oppressed and you will be forced to take out a bare existence.

I repeat, act before it is too late. Let the president and the members of congress know where you stand. Tell them that neither the nation's integrity, honor or independence is in danger. Tell them that you refuse to murder your brother of any country and then hide your crimsoned fist in the folds of the flag.

ACT QUICK! Arouse your neighbor and fellow worker to the seriousness of the situation for the cost of war will be tremendous. "Armed Neutrality" is a direct invitation to war.

The Socialist Party must stand like a stone wall against the disaster that will be ours unless we organize and act in unison. Close up the ranks everywhere and add to our columns those who vote the Socialist ticket but have not yet joined the party!

ORGANIZE OR PAY THE PENAL-TY THAT PLUTOCRACY WILL METE OUT TO YOU FOR YOUR NE-GLECT!

Tom Mooney Sentenced To Hang

An Appeal To The Organized Workers Of America!

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

TELEGRAM just received from San Francisco announces he is dead. The day set for his murder is May 17th. The capitalist jury and judge have done their foul work, and it is now up to us to do ours.

Tom Mooney is an absolutely innocent man and his conviction an infamous crime. We, the workers of America, are duty bound to challenge the verdict of the capitalist jury and set aside the sentence of the capitalist judge. We constitute a court, a jury, and a judge of our own.

We sat thru this case from the hour the vile conspiracy was concocted and we know beyond doubt that Mooney was framed and that he is to be murdered for no other reason than that the corporation criminals, the big capitalist thieves and their official highbinders could not buy him, or silence his agitation.

MORE THAN twenty reputable witnesses not only testified to Mooney's innocence but proved it beyond even the shadow of a doubt. His alibi was without a flaw. He was miles away from the bomb when it exploded in the preparedness parade. He had absolutely no connection with and no knowledge of the affair. Bourke Cochran, the eminent New York lawyer, who defended him, is positively convinced of this and so is every other man or woman who attended the trial and is not in the pay or under the influence of the United Railroads, the Manufacturers' Association, and other red-handed bandits who have for years been plundering San Francisco and have now set themselves up as the autocratic rulers of the Pacific coast.

the investigation at Washington. If the law had been enforced meetings. Publicity is extremely important. Protest meetings every one of these criminal conspirators would now be keeping should be at once organized and proper action taken. We can stir the lock-step in penitentiary.

You know, too, the rotten record of the United Railroads, every page of which drips with corruption and reeks with stenches that cry to heaven. You also know the attitude of the Chamber line. of Commerce of San Francisco, that gang of pot-bellied exploiters and thieves and their mangy spaniels. It is these sweet-scented straight on our hind legs all over this country and say, IT SHALL elements that constitute the despotic power that rules San Fran- NOT BE DONE! cisco with a rod of steel, these private interests organized for loot, rapine, and plunder, as conscienceless a gang of pirates as ever sandbagged an honest man or picked the pocket of a blind orphan.

AND IT is this gang that issued its declaration of war against organized labor and in cold blood set to work thru its sleuths, comrades, the red blood in you must not consider the control of the contro hirelings and prostitutes, male and female, of high and low degree, myself to you in this fight to its finish.

to drive every union man and woman and every Socialist from the Pacific coast.

This is the real cause, the true inwardness of Tom Mooney's conviction. He would not lay down like a cur at the command of extraordinary war fever which has the blear-eyed, bloated bandits. He stood up like a man and defied them. In every protest of the workers Mooney's voice was heard; in every strike he was at the front and his influence was felt. He ham Rice. This letter does not diswas true in every throb of his heart to the organized workers in cuss "rights" or "national duties" but their battle against annihilation. He lost sight of self entirely. He was the kind of a man when the crisis came we should have a thousand of instead of one and if we had those broadcloth be thousand of instead of one, and if we had, those broadcloth, be- in mind; it is the key to the pressure diamonded, greasy desperadoes who are now trying to assassinate now being steadily exerted upon the him under cover of law would have seen ignominious finish long administration to plunge us into war.

THE ARREST of Mooney in connection with the bomb exthe sentence of Tom Mooney. He is to hang by the neck until plosion was an outrage, his trial from first to last a farce, and his conviction and sentence a crime so flagrant, so cruel, so shocking that the working class of the whole nation should and must rise in revolt against it.

> The plundering plutocrats thirsting to lap Tom Mooney's honest blood must be thwarted. These hyenas shall not break his neck and gloat over his dead body. Their infamous court and its filthy hirelings have brought him bound and gagged to the gallows but they shall not chortle over his ghastly murder.

COMRADES and fellow-workers of America, I appeal to you! world. These nations are 'cribbed, cabined and confined' by the navies and armies of such powerful governengaged in an act of duty to justice and service to the working ments as England, France and Italy class I am engaged in that act now in pleading with you to help save as honest a workingman and as true a unionist as ever stood under the banner of the labor movement.

I know Tom Mooney and I know him well. For weeks he was with us on the Red Special. We ate and slept together. Every one on the train loved him. To me he was a younger brother. He compelled to do any of the first class and enjoy all the thrills of war without being one on the train loved him. To me he was a younger brother. He compelled to do any of the first class and enjoy all the thrills of war without being in innocent. I swear it. His murder would be a foul and indelible ing. We shall now place ourselves in the first class and enjoy all the thrills of war without being in innocent. I swear it. His murder would be a foul and indelible ing. one on the train loved him. To me he was a younger brother. He olot upon our movement and an everlasting disgrace to ourselves.

We can save him. We have got to save him. Let us get to work and lose no time. From now on my pen and my voice are at his service. My duty is clear and so is that of every other union man and Socialist in America.

FIRST OF all there is the most urgent need for funds. Everyone should contribute at least his mite. Send your contribution. You know the record of the Manufacturers' Association. You at once to Robert Minor, Room 210, Russ Bldg., San Francisco, remember the Mulhall story and the trail of this slimy serpent in Cal. But this is not all. We must get busy at our union and local the country from end to end before the San Francisco hangmen in evening dress can dislocate the neck of their framed-up victim. Every labor union and every Socialist local must swing into

This is the hour for solidarity. Now is the time to stand up

We are patient and long suffering but there is a limit. It has We are patient and long suffering but there is a limit. It has country and its flourishing population been reached. Let us show this country that labor is alive. Let its are bound to feel the quick and full lightning strike just once and there will be a sudden halt in the effect of the unloosening.

Comrades, the red blood in you must now prove itself. I pledge ing:

War And Wall Street

Pressure equal and opposite MUST be exerted. The letter follows:

"When on Saturday at 11:15 a. m. the news was flashed that Ambassador Bernstorff had been handed his passports, uncertainty changed to certainty, and the stock markets began a tinued...

'The situation in a nutshell, as expressed by the highest banking to the cause of this condition, nor the remedy for it. authorities, is about like this:

"We are on the verge of war with several of the great nations of the The American nation is, in fact, about to enter upon a national joyfest. This country, with its untold resources, richer than any other country in the world, is about to engage in war with nations of the first class and enjoy upon a war footing equal to that of any of the warring parties, and with only the remotest possibility of an invading army or an invading navy of American money, and spend it at

"In fine, overnight, \$2,000,000,000 reap the harvest. worth of new home buying has come into existence, and the buying power from abroad which recently has been looked upon as pinchbeck, now be-comes the genuine article. Unbounded prosperity is at hand. Practically everything that is needed for war purposes in this country can be supplied in this country, and the government's treasure, which will be poured into the lap of producers and manufacture ers will remain here.

"Posterity may pay the debt in in-creased taxation and prosperity may feel the burden, but at this time the

Which is just another way of say-

"After us the deluge!"

By JOHN M. WORK.

T HAS been well said that "a man's mind may be likened to a garden, which may be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild; but, whether cultivated or neglected, it must and will bring forth. If no useful deeds are put into it, then an abundance of useless weed seeds will fall therein, and

Seed Time And Harvest

Shall we let the weed seeds of capitalism take the minds of the people, or shall we sow Socialist seed in their mental gardens?

THE capitalist seed is constantly being sown. The capitalist papers and magazines, in particular, scatter this weed seed broadcast. You can see the effects every day by conversing with people who rely on such papers and periodicals for their news and their interpretations of current events. Of late, these muddling effects have been especially conspicuous anent

the high cost of living. When you talk with a person who does not read anything but the capecovery. Today the rise was con- italist papers, you will find him up in the air on this subject. He has to pay higher prices for nearly everything he buys, and he is wrathy about it.

> ON THE other hand, when you talk with a person who reads the Socialist as well as the capitalist papers, you find that the problem does not present any mysteries to him. He knows the cause and the cure. He knows exactly what he wants. He is ready to go about applying the remedy immediately, and he is only deterred by the fact that most of the rest of the

people are still floundering in ignorance.

We have to suffer for the ignorance of others. The only way we can

scape this is by educating them so that they also will know the truth. The great crying need of the hour is that the people may be shown the way of deliverance, to the end that they may become Socialists and vote for social reconstruction.

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Are you doing your share to put these where they will do the most good? If not, load up and get to work. Sow the seed, and in due time we shall

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London Shows How Munition

EYER London's speech on the floor of the House of Representatives, given Saturday, February 17, made concrete the sentiment of a large portion of the American people in their opposition to war with Ger-The Socialist congressman took the crisis up from an economic angle, and illustrated the part being played in the war sentiment by munition makers and those who would derive profits from the combat. The text of the speech, which is included in the following, has just been received from The American Socialist's Washington bureau:

"The thing that the gentleman from

nardly dare attempt, but, as I am

ican commerce, and the great masses

of the American people have refused

Principally Munition Trade.

"What national ideal will the United States have satisfied by a war with Germany?" asked Lon-

don.
"What will the United States have accomplished if it goes to war and wins? 'It will have established the right of munition makers to sell

munitions. That is the only thing that will be established.

'It will be a war for cash, a war for commerce.

"It will be a war for the right of the powder barrel with the American flag on the barrel, giving it the sanctity of the flag and everything that the flag repre-

"If you face the issue squarely and honestly, there can be but one answer—such a war is inconceiv-

Announcing that it was his intention to "get to the meat of the situa-tion," London was mercilessly logical plause.)

merce is being threatened? (Ap-ing war upon somebody's suggestion.

The Right To Declara War in his presentation of the commercial basis underlying the agitation for war with Germany.

No Reason For War.

He reiterated and emphasized his declaration that there is no more reason for going to war with Germany because the German government has established a submarine blockade "Is there any

people to guarantee the American capitalists the privilege of carrying on commerce with the belligerent na-

Representative London's analysis of the crisis with Germany is recognized as being the most forceful presenta-tion of the situation yet laid before the House. Republicans and Democrats alike, with the exception of a few munition jingoists, warmly applauded his frank discussion of a question that most of the representatives are afraid to tackle.

What London Said.

The following is the official stenographic report of Representative Lon-"Let us go to the meat of the situa-

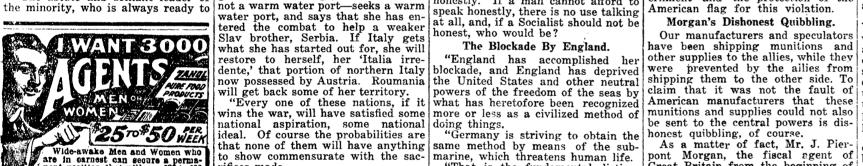
tion. The gentleman from Texas, Mr. that appeals to sentiment, that ap-Dies, asked the leader of the minority, peals to the spiritual man.

Mr. Mann, this question:

"Poor little Serbia is

in this war should bid our peaceful we should no longer conduct our commerce in obedience to the laws of nations, does he think we should refuse, in obedience to that request or warning, to declare our rights to com-

"The astute and brillant leader of



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set say you are willing to work, I will stariouright, show you how, teach you free so you make this big money. Others are doing it rs. Huff of Pa., writes:—"I made \$18 to 100 at day." Bricer of Cal., writes:—"Made \$10.72 at day." Bricer of Cal., writes:—"Made \$10.72 at day." Mr. McCullough, Ill., writes:—"Mylf and four sub-agents made \$32.78 yesterday; 1976 \$18 today." Miss Hale (a school teacher made \$10 yesterday; \$50 this week." You can also just as much in all or your spare time.

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ong as she pursues her ideals-(applause).

"Gentlemen, I hope we will not be swept off our feet.

Admiration For Wilson.

fear that slogan, 'Stand by the presi- Berger's address on this occasion was as follows: dent.

"It is a dangerous battle cry when answer any question thrown at him, the people cease to be a people and become a mob. 'Stand by the president' means a great deal when the president is right. 'Stand by the president is right.' Stand by the president is right. sident' is a dangerous slogan when

Illinois did not dare to do I should younger and can afford to be indisof mind where one man can sweep you controls the press—the big dailies as need not do so.

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England original controls the press—the big dailies as need not do so. ready been answered by the American people. One of the belligerents has dependent of the capital states and people. One of the belligerents has dependent of the capital states are policy against Germany and Ger tied the freedom of the seas to Amer- earnest application to the problem dictate.

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The Right To Declare War.

"In other words, shall we fight for the right to refuse to declare war. It as well as of the Germans. the privilege of carrying on commerce involves deliberation, study, analysis, with the belligerent nations? That the searching of one's conscience, the cerned, is confined principally to the powers. And, if there ever was a time tale that England and Russia are business of supplying the belligerents when every member of Congress fighting for democracy and civilization—while Germany is fighting for But why should

A Child Shall Lead Them

"I am a boy of 13 years and am reading on socialism. My mother is the secretary of the Socialist Local here and my father is a Socialist. He subscribed for me to the American Socialist, and so far as I have read I believe your cause is a good one and it will be down with Capitalism.

"I am enclosing 10 cents for which please send me 100 of your Anti-War Proclamations. When my subscription expires with issue No. 228 I probably will renew to support your cause.

"Gaylord W. Ellis, "Atascadero, Calif."

"If some nation in Europe involved against extinction. Austria-Hungary the Lusitania, she committed a crime in this war should bid our peaceful seeks national consolidation and an against civilization, against humanity. many is struggling against being business is injured, people begin to crushed by powerful enemies that surround her on all sides.

"I do not forget the fundamental

Russia Seeks A Port.

"Russia, the giant of the East-a giant without lungs, because it has to face facts squarely and speak ceived the encouragement of the govnot a warm water port—seeks a warm

national aspiration, some national doing things. ideal. Of course the probabilities are

A War For Cash.

"Why not face the issue and face it many? honestly? And if you face that issue fairly and honestly, there can be only one answer-such a war is inconceiv-

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final result.

nations after the settlement of a war situation to this country as when you are strong only to the extent to which you can lick all your partners. It is only when you can lock all your partners. It is only when you can say to them, These are the terms which you shall accept. If you do not accept them, I will lick you all. Take the course I is no doubt about that. But do not suggest, or I am going to fight you forget, please, that those lives will be all. The average American may be- lost after warning has been given not

but he cannot. "It is not by licking anybody that range of guns fired from the walls of America has become what she is to- a belligerent fortress, you have no

one of the belligerent nations in Eu-|quibbling lawyers. When Germany inrope today is fighting for something vaded Belgium, when Germany proceeded to deport the civilian population of Belgium, when Germany sunk fighting the helpless women and children on

> differences between the German situation and the British situation. I like

that none of them will have anything to show commensurate with the sac-"That is the fundamental distinction, and it is because of this fundamental distinction, and it is because of this fundamental distinction that the president mental distinction that the president mental distinction that the president agent of our government. He practically monopolized the supply of States satisfy by war?

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Threatens Individuals.

"The question of method affects only method pursued of Germany threatens "There seems to be a great deal of a small number of individuals who en-

"It is self-evident that the United tates would have every large to the control of the control o

will be injured.'

of democracy and liberty.

"But the United States as an ally, the United States as a participant in the war, as a sharer in its spoils, will play only such part as will be injured."

"Does the gentleman mean to maintain," interrupted Representative Shallenberger, "that an American ship will play only such part as will be sunk now with Americans on board and American lives lost by the action of Germany to maintain her blockade of Germany to maintain her blockade "When you are in the council of that that presents the same sort of

A More Difficult Problem.
"No," responded London. "It presents a more difficult problem. There lieve that he can lick the whole world, to enter the war zone. If American lives are lost when you get within the Likerty Pub. Co. Sta D, Box 4-D. Cleveland, O. for the great promise for the future zone, your life is not in danger."

ondon Shows How Munition that America holds out to the world (applause).—I do not hesitate to declare my faith and my hope in the greatness, and glory of America so Unpopular With The Mob Nov Unpopular With The Mob Now If guilt is always personal, every one be less freedom in this country than in

Anti-war meetings under the direction of the Socialist Party continue to be held in all parts of the nation. They are proving a powerful educational factor and aid in overcoming the frantic hysteria created by the jingo Admiration For Wilson.

"I have great admiration for the president of the United States, but I congress, and member of the national executive committee, was the speaker.

> HIS certainly is the time when very existence and is fighting with it is right for an honest man its back to the wall. Why should we This is the time when a thinking man many is to obey the international is bound to be prosecuted by the pluto-rules?

which confronts us.

"I am glad that the Congress of the ing public opinion for war; the capi-

the allies. There are, of course, many papers land must give up. And there can be that were bought up directily by the no question that our capitalists will

world war. Anybody familiar with "The right to declare war means psychology of the entente nations-

Stupid Fairy Tale Not Believed.
And only children and idiots still

revenge for 1871 and wants Alsace-Lorraine. France is under contract with Russia since 1878 to help whenever Russia wants help. Italy wants to expand—north, east and south. Seeks Place In The Sun.

And Germany wants "a place in the sun," that is, its share of the world's trade and a German colony

somewhere. All other reasons are of minor importance in this world war. Now where does our country come

into this war? It does not come in, unless we force

our way in. But as to our country-everybody knows that our capitalist class was always in close alliance and partner-ship with the British capitalist class. This fact was never so evident as that's all.

in this war. the beginning of the war, our government has not been neutral. While nominally our government has not been neutral. While pay less for our meet and for the same of the same o nominally our government has obeyed the letter of international law—our ruling class has constantly and viviolated its spirit and has reciously ceived the encouragement of the gov-American flag for this violation.

Our manufacturers and speculators waukee Journal claimed that German have been shipping munitions and other supplies to the allies, while they other words, German agents are renow possessed by Austria. Roumania the United States and other neutral shipping them to the other side. To now possessed by Austria. Roumania will get back some of her territory.

"Every one of these nations, if it wis the war, will have satisfied some more or less as a civilized method of partial assignment of the season and the fine of the season and the first of the freedom of the season and the first of be sent to the central powers is dis-

"Germany is striving to obtain the same method by means of the subpont Morgan, the fiscal agent of

of munition makers to sell munitions. Without compunction. We cannot do out west who would willingly furnish any business with you.'

"That is the only thing that will be established.

"Whether he was wise or not is imboys that are fighting with two others the American flag on the barrel giving it the sanctity of the flag and everything the flag represents.

to this: Shall we submit to the blocking inition also to the other two. Court ade of England? Shall we not submit to the blockade instituted by Gernot furnishing it to either side, he might have prevented the murder en-

tirely. It is a violation of neutrality-and a small number of individuals. The I do not care what the international lawyers say-to help only the allies and to injure only the Germans. It soberness and sanity in this Congress gage in that traffic and who find is all the more violation of neutrality fields of the United States—are sent now—a great deal more soberness and themselves within the war zone. So because we had it in our power to to feed the soldiers of the warring sanity than I expected to find, I will far as the right to the freedom of stop the war within a short time by rations at more than \$500,000,000 a refusing to furnish munition, war year material and food to both sides, as Le the Socialists proposed at the beginning of the war.

Fight Over War Zones. The present situation to create a to war to kill and get killed, in order war zone on the open sea, was really to make sure that the "short time" started by England a little more than notes of Mr. Schwab can be paid by two years ago. Our government pro-States would have exercised a tremendous influence, in the council of tinction," replied London. "I said so, tested in a perfunctory manner, but have a merican wives and American wives and American have a merican wive and a merican have a mer since Germany has extended that children go barefoot so that the zone, our government is willing to go leather can be sent to Europe and the to war about it.

The German submarine policy is undoubtedly cruel and vicious. so is all war cruel and vicious. England has at no time obeyed the international law and it is only quoting the law when it suits the English

And Germany is fighting for its

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England originated the starvation policy against Germany and Germany

Capitalists Stand To Lose. England. If Germany succeeds, Eng-

ligerent because the rest of our com- way go thru the ceremony of declar- or demerits for either side of the great leaders in various branches of ernment decides to do. history will readily understand the suddenly grown to be a great inter-framed—that can compel us "to stand national crime. It now has become behind the president"—when in our

sia and fight for "the small nations Moreover, we Socialists will not stand

the March leaflets.

can use."
Newberry, Pa.

and in other cities.

potatoes to \$4 a bushel.

to be unpopular with the mob. all of a sudden demand that only Ger-

It is like asking a man who is fightthe president is in error.

"It is a mighty dangerous thing to permit Congress to drift into a state of our country. The same class also Queensbury's rules and that the others

> Germany wants to extend that war zone on the sea, in order to starve pro-British propaganda—but most of lose many dollars of their investments of the allied legions now.

> > industry, this enlarged war zone has the patriotic duty of every American opinion he wants to do something that to do up Germany.
> >
> > To protect these investments we foolish. We shall always stand by the

But why should the working class

men will be killed in munition plants,

Not War But Food Riots.

declared war, but already we have food riots in New York, Philadelphia

Papers of the stripe of the New

York Sun, New York Herald and Mil-

sponsible that milk in large eastern

All this is not caused by having

The high cost of

our food bought up by the allies, who

bought \$750,000,000 of food stuff

alone last year. The high cost of living is caused by German agents

waukee Journal said that, according

to the mayor of New York, the bread

riots were begun by professional I. W. W. agitators. Have these agita-

tors starved the children for the last

two years? Have these poor devils

used up the production of the coun-

try, especially the food?
Government figures show that

every month enough foodstuffs are

exported from America to make 1,-470,038,160 loaves of bread, or ten

loaves a month for every man, woman

Let Us Make It Clear.

corn syrup, bacon, cheese, condense

milk-all food products of the broad

Meat, raisins, butter, lard, salmon

If we go to war, we do so in order

to protect the profits of our trust kaiser, J. Pierpont Morgan. We go

soldiers in the trenches have good

babies so that condensed milk can be

sent to the Tommies "somewhere in

had declared an embargo at the be-

ginning of the war-as the Socialists

proposed,-the war would have been

It may have been possible that thereby the German kaiser would

have derived some benefits and that

the American trust kaiser and his bunch would have been poorer by

about six billion dollars. But what is

that to us? Must one hundred million

Americans starve or skimp in order

to benefit the trust kaiser and injure

Awful Reckoning Coming.

and his cousins in England, Russia,

Six million young men died on ac-

the German kaiser?

over for more than two years.

Shame on our government! If we

We go to war to starve our

and child in the United States.

Let's get clear on this

shoes.

Flanders."

who now excite the women to riot. On the first day of rioting the Mil-

The United States has not as yet

The American people will lose

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standing order for a thousand leaflets per month. This number will cover the town thoroly and is bound to bring results. We distributed

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"Every comrade and local should get busy and put out as many

leaflets as possible each month, as they are the greatest educators we

war material is stopped. Less work- | Our patriotism is the love of our folks

"I am enclosing M. O. for 75 cents. Kindly send me one thousand of

"We are going to start a Local in this town and expect to put in a

sonally held responsible for mass | If Uncle Sam wants to start a murder.

Again I say, why should we go to high cost of living. war and shed our blood to protect the round to have the latter than the difference of the latter was a shed our worst enemies at home? Let the administration in Washing-round to know that we here in Wisconsin

declared.

Why should we shed our blood so aires. that the high cost of living may become still higher? What can the American people gain

by going into the war that American seople do not already possess?

Send Morgan To The Trenches.

If Morgan, Schwab & Co. must have follow the example of his illustrious

war, let Morgan, Schwab & Co. go to predecessor, Thomas Jefferson, and the trenches. They will have our blessing. No American workman, no Amer-

ican businessman wants to travel in the war zone just now. If there is any Astor or any Vanderbilt who feels the impulse to fight, let him follow his impulse and enlist in one of the

the capitalist publications did not if the allies do not win the war.

And patriotism does not consist in the to be bought up.

To save these investments of J. applauding everything our capitalist Pierpont Morgan and of the other class desires to do or a capitalist gov-

There is no law-and none can be is very had or something that is very commerce, so far as exports are con- calling into action of all our mental believe the stupid and simple fairy may have to go to France and to Rus- country, but the president is no czar,

behind any czar. son for going to war with Germany government has because the German government has established a submarine blockade against Great Britain than there was for going to war with Great Britain than there was for going to war with Great Britain than there was for going to war with Great Britain than there was for going to war with Great Britain if the question is honestly presented?

"I am not very generous to what we Germany.

The Socialist representative expressed his conviction that the American people, if the question is honestly presented to them, will repudiate the marginal principles, not only of internation for war with the German government established a submarine blockade against Great Britain than there was for general when the British government established a principle government established a submarine blockade against Great Britain than there was for general will repudiate the war against Great Britain than there was for general producing the form of the conflict. In the question is honestly presented?

"I am not very generous to what we Socialists call the 'Capitalist class,' damental principles, Germany is now threatening a portion of our commerce. Germany is now threatening a portion of our commerce. Germany is now threatening a portion of our commerce. Germany is now threatening a portion of our commerce. Germany is now threatening a portion of our commerce. Germany is now threatening a portion of our commerce. Germany is now threatening if Morgan, Schwab & Co. lose some of their illegotten England is fighting for militarism and barbarism.

Under the present economic system does in no way concern the great was of the American people.

The german submarine war?

The German submarine war?

The germany is now threaten block with their wages. It hope that we will stand by our funders of the world's market, which it now has had for more than 200 years.

The surpling the world's market, which it is the time. (Applaced to the world's lose in no way concern the great was of our people will be sparted the w Of all parties, the Socialist party of

Israel O. Klingler.

If doing good to the greatest mass

is patriotism, then I am a patriot. If

skinning the greatest mass is patriot-

ism, then I am an anti-patriot. I al-

ways have tried to do all I can for my

country-that is why I am one of the founders of the Socialist Party of America. But if Morgan, Schwab & Co. are patriots, then I am no patriot.

Can Gain Nothing By War.

America's participation in the

We can gain nothing in this war,

world's war would be a crime against humanity. It would be an idiotic

by infinitely strengthening the worst

I am not in their class.

blunder besides.

Italy and everywhere. And some day plutocracy the world has ever seen there will be an awful reckoning, eye Just look at the legislation they are for an eve and a tooth for a tooth, passing in Congress now. There will of our multi-millionaires will be per- Russia.

popular war, let him make war on the

Will meat go down in price if we are willing to fight for the honor of go to war? Will flour be cheaper? American women, for the lives of Will potatoes be cheaper? No; they American babies, but that we do not will cost more the moment war is consider the honor of our flag as identical with the profits of our billion-

Let congress and the president warn citizens off the belligerent ships. Let congress and the president forbid American ships to enter the war zone.

declare a complete embargo on all food stuff. It will end the war, save millions of lives and stop all food

It should never be the aim of society to produce a few super-men. The aim of society must at all times be to bring European armies. There are about about the greatest possible develop-50,000 neutral Americans in the ranks ment in the greatest number of

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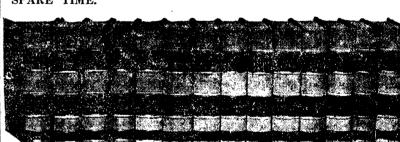
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A Program

I have been trying for some time to get the party to concentrate upon the most vital point of the system and make the collective ownership of the railroads the most prominent part of our platform and our campaign. This would be an interesting subject and would get the people out to hear. Then with this one point of attack as the prominent idea our speakers could incidentally take some 15 or 30 minutes to explain that part of the Socialist philosophy applicable to the railroad situation to make it plain. Then perhaps people will not object so strenu-ously to the Socialist philosophy as they do now and will grasp it more readily. Why try to compel everybody to become scientific Socialists so that they will vote the Socialist philosophy as a platform? Why not put out a platform that is practical, pointed and applicable to the present conditions of chase at ascertained physical value of

such changes in our tax laws as will call a halt on these large unearned incomes and inheritances and turn the surplus into the government treasury with which to buy the railroads, there-by buying and paying for them in five

or seven years.

It can be done and four laws on taxation will turn the trick. It is the door thru which we should strive to show the way to, and the benefits of the co-operative commonwealth. Let us talk taxation a little. Let us have these four laws on taxation fairly well outlined, systematized and understood. They will accomplish the transformation without any trouble and the people will see their justice and benefit much more quickly than they will grasp the Socialist philosophy, and once understood the people will demand their enactment. Around these laws we can group all the good things that we, the producers, demand.

Here they are. First. A law exempting the home, owned by the occupant, and the means for family support, not to exceed \$5,-000 in value, from taxation, and making it necessary to raise money for all government purposes by direct taxation on all property not exempt as homes or for church, school and other public purposes. Note that this will place the burden of taxes not on

the homes of the poor but on the exploiting property of the rich.

Second. A law taxing all incomes in excess of \$10,000 and so graduated that all that part of all private incomes in excess of \$200,000 would be tored at 100 per cent. taxed at 100 per cent.

Third. An excise tax on corporations whereby all net income in excess of five per cent (5 p. c.) on their ASSESSED VALUATION should be taxed, and the tax so graduated that all net income in excess of ten per cent (10 p. c.) on such ASSESSED VA-LUATION should be taxed at 100 per cent. (Please tell me what incentive sacrifice the lives, the health and the there would be for the railroads to issue that \$1,000,000 of additional stocks and children in order that they themand bonds under this law?) Now remember this says their ASSESSED VALUATION not their capitalization. And remember also that the Interstate Commerce Commission is now has not alway engaged in the pleasant task of finding always exist. the physical valuation of the railroads and they find them capitalized at five by other systems even worse than the to ten times their physical value.

will exempt, say \$5,000 of indirect in- and times better than the present one. heritances and be so graduated that all that part of indirect inheritance above \$100,000 shall be taxed at 100 per cent. Also exempting all direct inheritances of say \$25,000 and so graduated that all that part of direct inheritances in excess of say \$200,000 shall be taxed at 100 per cent.

Each of the last three laws should have a clause placing all taxes col-lected under them in a fund for the and exploiting industries at their ascertained physical value or for supplyof dollars a year, which is about the purpose of buying the public utilities ing the people with food, clothing, sum that Mr. Rockefeller takes from fuel, etc., at cost of production. Also each person or corporation should be required to make his or its own statement of property owned and income derived therefrom under oath and that oath should be held inviolate and inviolable by making the list public property and confiscating any property slavery man. Whatever his failings, not included in the list and giving ten per cent of it to the person who discovered the error.

law the present tax dodgers would ownership of the means of production fall over each other in their haste to and distribution, he thereby becomes make their full list and file it with the the enemy of the working class. It proper officer. Even the Marshall matters not that he is moral, sincere Field estate would not have paid a and efficient. His sincerity and effi-fortune in back taxes because his last ciency have become a force for evil sworn list would have been all that his rather than for good, they are going heirs could claim, the balance passing to be used on the wrong side of the automatically to the state or nation. Let us make the government pur- dom.

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MILO M. MITCHELL, Kingman, Kansas

If every strike could be won, the working people would keep on strik-ing until they received the equivalent of the full product of their labor, and capitalism would cease to exist.

the opportunity to become a favored hired man of the capitalist class.

belong to the capitalist class or to the working class because of ability or lack of ability; they are simply born into one or the other of these classes.

ter what he styled himself politically, J. N. Carter, Omaha, Nebr..... 7 who would work for three dollars a day if he saw a chance to get four, or for four dollars a day if he saw a Robert H. Wilson, Brattleboro, Vt. — ditions vastly worse.

We know that it has been preceded ten times their physical value.

Fourth. An inheritance law that lowed by still another system a thous-

> The only possible graft we could have under Socialism would be the embezzlement of public funds by public officials. A public official might take money for which he had not worked. It is true that there might be found some public official who would be mean enough to do that, but it is quite certain that there never has been and never will be any public official able the public every year without working for it.

When the issue of slavery was up

covered the error.

I will guarantee that under such a party which stands for the private

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Scholarship Contest News

As conditions are now, people do not P. E. Tomlinson, Winona, Minn... 20 M. Maginsky, N. Y. City, N. Y. 20 that at the earliest possible date the Government should know the essential

Maurice Levine, St. Paul, Minn... - present situation.

a very early start but he is making up for lost time. He receives his mail at the Rand School now so he knows what the school is like, and the good it would do to spend a winter in study there. He writes in as follows: 'Dear Comrades:

I have received the sub cards and enclose herewith Five Dollars, for which credit me with 20 points. I sold all of the 25c cards in one evening, in fact it took me just a half-hour. I am determined to win by a whirlwind campaign so please send me, right away, 200 sub cards at 25c, and 50 more at 50c each. Also send me your New York list of expirations. Please answer at once and watch me win.

> Yours for the Cause M. Maginsky."

Thru these columns several comrades have already shown that they have made up their winds to They are going to win. There is no active hustler for the cause but who would do just as they are doing. Some of the other contestants don't seem to be contesting very hard. Perhaps they are saving their energies, but let them remember that time waits for no man. There is no time like the present to work for Socialism. Go to it.

Comrade Cornelius Lehane of Ireland is dated to speak as follows: Washington, D. C., four lectures, March 7th to 10th; Baltimore, Open Forum, Sunday, March 11th; Jersey City, Sunday, March 18th; Rand School, New York, Sunday, March 25th; Bridgeport, Conn., Sunday, April 1st; Woonsocket and Providence, R. L. afternoon and night of April 1st; Woonsocket and Providence, R. I., afternoon and night of Sunday, April 8th; Boston Irish So-Sunday, April 15th. Socialist locals in Connecticut and Massachusetts desiring Lehane dates should write at once to Cornelius Lehane, Ansonia, Conn.

The Social Democratic Labor party of Russia has voted against sending delegates to the proposed conference of Socialists in the 10 Allied countries, as proposed by the French. The Russians say the conference proposition is advanced by anti-Socialists to split the International, and they will not assist in keeping the movement divided.

The Hamilton (O.) Socialist has been compelled to suspend publication on account of the high cost of paper and other materials despite the fact that its circulation and advertising patronage were steadily increasing. It is reported that a number of other labor and Socialist papers in this section of the country are being hit hard by the Paper Trust.

Plan To Get Real Dope On High Gost Of Living

(Special Correspondence.) Washington.-The investigation in-

to the high cost of living to be made by the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Trade Commission is not merely a joke; it is an earnest of something that may be worth while. I have a statement from Carl Vroo-

About the only incentive that capitalism holds out to the ambitious young man of the working class is the opportunity to become a favored

War Would Boost Prices.

"War or no war, it is imperative working class because of ability or lack of ability; they are simply born into one or the other of these classes.

I never knew a workingman, no matter what he styled himself politically.

I Note that the styled himself politically. J. N. Carter, Omaha, Nebr..... 7
Geo. Tigura, Knoxville, Tenn.... 2 time prices would make present con-

chance to get five.

Wm. Heino, Wilkeson, Wash...

It is immaterial whether a worker calls himself a Republican, a Democrat, a Prohibitionist or a Socialist, in the last analysis every worker wants the same thing, which is—all he can get.

An individuality which feeds upon the life blood of a nation is not an adther life blood of a nation is not an adminished or desirable kind of indivi-

mirable or desirable kind of individuality.

The socially desirable kind of individuality which promotes the growth of others, not that which sacrifices others for its own growth.

A Socialist society will not allow a few selfish, heartless individuals to sacrifice the lives, the health and the happiness of millions of men, women and children in order that they themselves may become "merchant-princes" and "captains of industry."

We know that the present system has not always exist.

We know that the present system always exist.

We know that the present system has not always exist.

Maurice Levine, St. Paul, Minn...

Ida Bienstock, Hartford, Conn...

Mrs. C. Schase, For Its of the sit investigation, to be completed within six months, I look to see developed a definite scientific to complete within six months, I look to see developed a definite scientific to complete within six months, I look to see developed a definite scientific to complete within six months, I look to see developed a definite scientific to complete within six months, I look to see developed a definite scientific to complete within six months, I look to see developed a definite scientific to complete within six months, I look to see developed a definite scientific to complete within with which will benefit the producer, the consumer and the legitimate middleman. Such an investigation can happiness of the public in a time of suck, John Thornton, and Skeet and Night to complete within six months, I look to see developed a definite scientific producer, the consumer and the legitimate middleman. Such an investigation can happiness of the public in a time of the cover the consumer and the legitimate middleman. Such an investigation can happine so the public in a time of the consumer and the legitimate middleman. Such an investigation of the consumer and the legitimate middleman. Such an investigation of the consumer and the legitimate middleman. Such an investigation of the consumer and the legitimate middleman. Such an investigation of the sample

We Bungle And Waste.

country. In fact, we produce more than ly friendly, tho less demonstrative, enough of most of the necessities of was a huge black dog, half bloodlife to feed ourselves. We do not know hound and half deerhound, with eyes how to market nationally. We bungle, that laughed and a boundless good we waste, we compete; we do not co-operate for mutual benefit or for national efficiency. Our system of distribution in many ways is crude, cum-

time of peace numbers of people go him into all sorts of ridiculous games, hungry in the midst of plenty, is it in which Thornton himself could not not exploited and starved by unscrupulous and disloyal food specuappropriate the money, the Administration will get the facts, and for the first time begin to give the United States some scientific food prepared-

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Seattle, Wash., has arranged a lecture at which John Spargo, of Vermont, will be the speaker. The subject is "Socialism and War", and the date March 16th. This is a big undertaking because of the large expenses involved, but the Yipsels declare that they will make out all right.

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You came like one out of the night To fill this earth with gladness and light; You've opened a heaven before our eyes Wherewith to see thru the centuries The reign of justice and the rule of right,

I have listened to the call of thy sweet music, And the vibration of it has fired my soul; Onward, onward to thy destined goal, For you are the hope of the world, The redeemer of all mankind.

Samuel Blauner, North West Side Y. P. S. L. Chicago, Ill.

THE CALL OF THE WILD

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(Continued from last week.) VI.

For The Love Of A Man. When John Thornton froze his feet in the previous December, his part-ners had made him comfortable and back his strength.

substantial gains and there seems to be a fine awakening generally among the contestants.

Comrade M. Maginsky did not get

present war the latture of govern cleansed buck's woulds. Regularly, each morning after he had finished preparedness has been forced upon the attention of the world.

Comrade M. Maginsky did not get look for her ministrations as much "We have enough food in this as he did for Thornton's. Nig, equal-

> Experiences Genuine Love. To Buck's surprise these dogs manifested no jealousy toward him. bersome and costly.
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> "It is not enough that the nation and largeness of John Thornton. As should have sufficient food, for if in Buck grew stronger they enticed not apparent that in time of war, un-forbear to join; and in this fashion less the strong arm of the Federal Buck romped thru his convalescense Government intervened, vastly more and into a new existence. Love, people would go hungry in the midst genuine, passionate love, was his for of plenty? Therefore, our problem of food preparedness in the United States perienced at Judge Miller's down in is not a problem of adding to our national supply, but of seeing to it that our national food supply is so marketed that the poor and unfortunate are detailed. With the Judge's sons, hunting and tramping, it had been a working partnership; with the Judge's grand-partnership; with t sons, a part of pompous guardian-ship; and with the Judge himself, a lators. We realize in general what is stately and dignified friendship. But wrong with the food situation, but we love that was feverish and burning, need to know certain additional esthat was adoration, that was mad-sential detailed facts. If Congress will ness, it had taken John Thornton to

> This man had saved his life, which was something; but, further, he was the ideal master. Other men saw to the welfare of their dogs from a sense of duty and business expediency: he saw to the welfare of his as if they were his own children, because he could not help it. And he saw further. He never forgot a kindly greeting for a cheering word, and to sit down for a long talk with them ("gas" he called it) was as much his delight as theirs. He had a way of taking Buck's head roughly between his hands, and resting his own head upon Buck's, of shaking him back and forth, the while calling him ill names that to Buck were love names Buck knew no greater joy than that rough embrace and the sound of A new league has been organized at Racine, Wis., with 22 charter members.
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> The Socialist Party, Local Hudson County, N. J., has donated \$25 to heip along the County Organization of the Yipsels there.
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> Tough embrace and the sound of murmured oaths, and at each jerk back and forth it seemed that his heart would be shaken out of his body so great was its ecstasy. And when. County Organization of the Yipsels there.
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> Peoria, Ill., held a highly interesting Washington-Bebel Commemoration on February 22, March 4th a big social was held, and on March 11th a lecture on Poetry, illustrated with passages from the leading radical poets.
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> And the surround a lecture at the country of the country of

out all right.

New Haven, Conn., recently had a "question-box" session and here are some of the questions brought out:—1: Is this country subject to foreign invasion? 2: Would an embargo on foodstuffs and munitions keep us out of the war? 3: Is poverty the prime cause of crime? 4: Should a declaration of war on Germany be first submitted to referendum vote? These are good questions for discussion at any Yipsel educational meeting.

that was akin to hurt. He would often seize Thornton's hand in his mouth and close so fiercely that the flesh bore the impress of his teeth for some time afterward. And as Buck understood the oaths to be love words, so the man understood this feigned bite for a caress.

For the most part, however, Buck's

love was expressed in adoration. While he went wild with happiness when Thornton touched him or spoke to him, he did not seek these tokens. Unlike Skeet, who was wont to shove her nose under Thornton's hand and nudge and nudge till petted, or Nig, who would stag up and rest his great head on Thornton's knee, Buck was content to adore at a distance. He content to adore at a distance. He would lie by the hour, eager, alert, at Thornton's feet, looking up into his face, dwelling upon it, studying it, following with keenest interest each fleeting expression, every movement or change of feature. Or, as chance might have it, he would lie farther away, to the side or rear, watching the outlines of the man and the occasional movements of his body. And often, such was the combody. And often, such was the communion in which they lived, the strength of Buck's gaze would draw John Thornton's head around, and he est burden of war, including deaths, would return the gaze, without speech, his heart shining out of his would

eyes as Buck's heart shone out. No Master Permanent. For a long time after his rescue, war materials.

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Buck did not like Thornton to get out of his sight. From the moment he left the tent to when he entered it again, Buck would follow at his heels. His transient masters since he had come into the Northland had bred in him a fear that no master could be him a fear that no master could be permanent. He was afraid that Thornton would pass cut of his life as Perrault and Francois and the Scotch half-breed had passed out. Even in the night, in his dreams, he was haunted by this fear. At such times he would shake off his sleep and creep thru the chill to the flap of the tent, where he would stand and listen to the sound of his master's breathing. master's breathing.

But in spite of this great love he

bore John Thornton, which seemed to bespeak the soft civilizing influence, the strain of the primitive, which the Northland had aroused in him, remained alive and active. Faithfulness and devotion, things born of fire and roof, were his; yet he retained his wildness and wiliness. He was a thing of the wild, come in from the wild to sit by John Thornton's fire, rather than a dog of the soft Southland stamped with marks of generations of civilization. Because of his very great love, he could not steal from this man, but from any other man, in any camp, he did not hesitate an instant; while the cunning with which he stole enabled him to escape detection.

(To be continued next week.)

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